(SLIICs) in all State under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Department for working out a rehabilitation package for revival of viable sick small scale units.

Vacancies in various Cadres in Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Nasik Division

487. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of 4th year trained apprentices who have undergone training in the Nasik Division of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited as on date;

(b) the number of trainees absorbed so far;

(c) the number of vacancies in various technical cadres in HAL, Nasik Division, as on date;

(d) whether it is a fact that HAL, Nasik Division is engaged in production of 16 MIG-27 planes during 1990-91 and that there is a likelihood of production being increased;

(e) whether the existing workforce will be asked to perform overtime in HAL, Nasik in order to cope up with the increased production; and

(f) whether export demands have come from foreign countries for HAL, Nasik Division, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) So far 474 apprentices have undergone training in Nasik Division under the special scheme of training implemented by HAL. Of these 315 have been absorbed in HAL.

(c) At present, there are no vacancies in technical direct trades in HAL, Nasik Division.

(d) It is not in public interest to disclose these details.

(e) Overtime in Nasik is allowed on account of peaking of load due to production exigencies.

(f) Export orders form Yugoslavia worth approximately US $ 2 lakhs have been received by Nasik Division.

Scaling down Eighth Plan Allocation for Power Projects

488. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to reduce the Eighth Plan allocation for Power Projects in the Country;

(b) if so, to what extent the Plan allocation for Power Projects is being reduced and details thereof; and

(c) which are the Power Projects affected by reduction of Plan allocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) The Eighth Plan has not been finalised so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Hike in tyre prices by tyre manufacturers

489. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KOKODKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tyre manufacturers have recently hiked tyre prices by 7.5 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this 7.5 per cent hike has been based on 'anticipated' rise in input costs, when the impact of increase in input costs is only to the tune of 3.1 per cent by their own admission;

(c) whether the manufacturers have secured necessary approval from the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) for such a hike;

(d) if so, what is the justification for giving approval to such a hike.

(e) if the answer to part (c) above in negative what is the justification for arbitrary hike by the manufacturers themselves; and

(f) what measures Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that (i) the arbitrary hike is not implemented; (ii) steps should be taken to roll them back; and (iii) the guilty, if any, are suitably punished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) According to the information supplied by the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association, tyre companies have increased the prices of various categories of tyres in November—December, 1990 between 3 to 7.5 per cent to absorb the increase in production cost of tyres due to increase in the prices of various raw materials.

(c) to (f) There is no statutory control over the prices of automotive tyres. As such, tyre companies do not require Government's approval to go in for a price rise. However, the Government have placed specified categories of truck and bus tyres under OGL, at a reduced rate of duty for import by bulk consumers to keep a check on prices of these tyres. To encourage creation of fresh capacity for the manufacture of automotive tyres and tubes, the industry has been exempted from licensing under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, and the application of Sections 21 & 22 of the MRTP Act. Government have also ensured maximisation of tyre production through continuous monitoring and regular interaction with the Industry.

Proposal for more Low Power Transmitters in Gujarat

490. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have made a proposal for 51 more low power transmitters to cover remaining areas of the State for T.V. Transmission; and

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be covered under T.V. Transmission programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to this effect was received some time back.

(b) It is the endeavour of the Government to expand Doordarshan network in the State, as expeditiously as possiblue, depending upon the availability of funds for the purpose.

Establishment of High Power Transmitter in Pavagadh, Gujarat

491. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat have submitted a proposal to the Government for establishement of a high power transmitter on the Hills of Pavagadh, District Junagarh; and

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken to provide such a High Power Transmitter at Pavagadh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A request for the establishment of a high power TV transmitter at Pavagadh in Panchamahal district of Gujarat has been received from the Government of Gujarat.

(b) While there is no approved scheme at present to establish a TV transmitter at Pavagadh, it is the constant endeavour of the Government